

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

October 14, 2014

### **Minutes**

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Clark Room. Those present were Selectmen John Gorecki, Douglas A. G. Stevenson, Peter Scavongelli, Nathan Brown, and Vanessa Hunnibell Moroney. Town Administrator Timothy D. Goddard was also present.

Also in attendance:

Katie Huffman, Gleason Library Director

Bill Risso, Board of Health Chair

Board of Health members - Lee Storrs, Cathy Galligan, and Donna Margolies

Linda Fantasia, Health Agent

Dr. Chantel Nouvellon, resident of Hanover Road

Dan Cook, Energy Task Force Chair

John H. Tourtelotte, Manager, BarnRaise Energy LLC

### **Library Trustees – One Day Liquor License Request**

Library Director Katie Huffman was present to talk to the Selectmen about the Trustees request for a One Day Liquor License. She said on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> the Library will have an Artist's Reception from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and they would like to serve desserts and wine as refreshments. In response to Mr. Gorecki, Katie said they expect between 50 and 100 guests to attend this reception.

On a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Stevenson, it was unanimously **VOTED** to approve the One Day License for the Gleason Public Library to serve alcohol on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

### **Town Administrator Report**

1 Mr. Goddard said the FY2015 Tax Classification Hearing has been scheduled on October 28<sup>th</sup>. He said we are anticipating that the Department of Revenue will have approved the Assessors' property values by that time however the hearing will be deferred to the first meeting in November if that is not the case.

2 A copy of the Town of Concord's Town Meeting timeline was enclosed for the Board's review. Mr. Goddard noted that Concord's Town Meeting starts on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>.

3 In regard to the Selectmen's November meeting schedule, Mr. Goddard reminded the Board that Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's day. He said the next available meeting dates are Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Goddard informed the Board that he would not be able to attend a Wednesday meeting as there is a Special Town Meeting in Littleton on that evening. The Board agreed to meet on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

4 The Board was in receipt of a memo from Community Preservation Committee Chair Luke Ascolillo requesting that the Boards and Committees make their recommendations for appointments to the CPC, including the Board of Selectmen.

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5 Mr. Goddard said on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, he and Mr. Gorecki, Mr. Brown, and Gary Davis met with some Butterick Lane residents in the field to view damage caused to their roadway by heavy vehicles last spring, on the day of the carjacking incident. He said Gary Davis felt strongly that the repairs could easily be done by the DPW however Butterick Lane would need to be resurfaced or reconstructed within the following next two years. Mr. Goddard said the residents understood that since this is a private road, that cost will be borne by them. He said the Board needs to discuss making these repairs to Butterick Lane and advise Gary of the Board's decision. The estimated cost for the DPW to do these repairs is \$200.00 plus labor.

Mr. Gorecki said he was in favor of authorizing Gary to do this work. Mr. Brown agreed and added that time is very important because the weather will be changing soon.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Brown, it was unanimously **VOTED** to authorize DPW Superintendent Gary Davis to make the repairs on Butterick Lane as discussed tonight.

### **Joint Meeting with Board of Health for Board Appointment**

Board of Health chairman Bill Risso said they have been seeking to fill a vacancy on their Board for a few months and have recently found a candidate. He said Todd Thorsen is very qualified for this position and tonight the Board of Health would like to nominate Todd to fill this vacant position until the next election. Mr. Gorecki thanked Todd for volunteering his time for this position. Todd spoke briefly about his background.

A motion was made by Mr. Risso to appoint Todd Thorsen to the Board of Health for a term that will end at the next annual Town election. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevenson and the following roll call vote was taken: Gorecki – aye; Stevenson – aye; Scavongelli – aye; Moroney – aye; Brown – aye; Risso – aye; Storrs – aye; Margolies – aye; and Galligan – aye.

Tick Borne Disease Network (Community Incentive Challenge Grant) Bill Risso said the Board of Health is asking for the Selectmen's support to continue a program that started last year regarding *Ticks*. He explained how the program worked. He said residents collected ticks and brought them to the Board of Health and they sent them to the UMass Amherst Laboratory to be analyzed for pathogens that cause Lyme disease, and other diseases. He said they would like to continue this program again but it is not free and therefore the Board is applying for a grant to defer the costs. Bill said it has been a very successful program.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Brown, it was unanimously **VOTED** to support the 2015 Community Innovation Challenge Grant Application and to support the Board of Health in the Tick Borne Disease Network Expansion program and authorize the Town Administrator to sign same on behalf of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Carlisle.

### **Community Input**

Dr. Chantal Nouvellon of Hanover Road presented a CD to the Board which contained information on septic systems that she collected over the past two years. Dr. Nouvellon said in the process of building her new home she had a problem with the Carlisle Building Department. She said now John Minty from the Town of Concord is her building inspector.

Dr. Nouvellon said the problem now is with building her septic system. She said has had numerous problems with the Carlisle Board of Health. She said the Carlisle Board of Health is impossible to work with. She asked the Selectmen to allow her to move her septic system jurisdiction to the Town of Concord because she feels this will allow her to finish the work on her home.

Mr. Gorecki said the Board would not reply to this request at this time.

### **Energy Task Force – Project update**

Dan Cook was present from the Carlisle Energy Task Force to give a power point presentation. He spoke about the history of solar programs in Carlisle. He said it started out as a tiered program, which meant the more systems that were sold; the prices of these systems would go down. Dan

noted that this was also time dependent. Dan said presently there are 73 solar systems in the Town of Carlisle.

Dan pointed out more reasons to become solar now. He said that Nstar and NationalGrid are going to increase their energy prices and by going solar, homeowners will become energy independent from these high energy costs. Dan added that the 30% Federal Tax credits may be gone in 2016, and the Massachusetts SREC (solar renewal energy credits) Incentive will decline over time. Finally, Dan said going solar helps our planet and community by reducing greenhouse gases. Dan said a new solar loan program is being offered by the Commonwealth at an interest rate of 2.5% (10 yrs.) for a limited time.

Dan said the committee is planning a new Solar Challenge for Carlisle. He said this would involve community engagement and broader ownership of solar solutions. They are looking for help from the community by asking more homeowners to become solarized by doubling the amount of solar systems in Carlisle in 2015. Dan said the next step is to engage BarnRaise Energy as the manager of this program through a memorandum of understanding. Dan introduced John Tourtelotte, principal and manager of BarnRaise Energy LLC. He said this program depends on local participation but it brings the community together for a worth-while goal. John said BarnRaise will partner with the Carlisle Energy Task Force and support community organization to create and manage a targeted community solar campaign which will take place from Q4 2014 to Q3 2015. He said BarnRaise will not receive any compensation from the Town of Carlisle or the Carlisle Energy Task for its management services. John explained further BarnRaise's Responsibly and Objectives for the Town (attached hereto).

Dan said in conclusion, their hope is to double the amount of solar systems in Carlisle by the end of 2015 and reduce the electric costs for homeowners.

Mr. Gorecki asked how this compares to other communities. Dan said the solar system has been very successful in other communities, particularly in Arlington. Mr. Stevenson asked for an explanation of the Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Goddard said we are being asked to work with John Tourtelotte from BarnRaise Energy exclusively. Mr. Stevenson expressed concern that perhaps this matter needed to be handled through an RFP process for legal purposes. Mr. Goddard said energy contracts are separate from the procurement laws and there is far less restrictions regarding competition. He pointed out that no funds are changing hands.

Mr. Gorecki said it seems that the Energy Task Force has gone through a vetting process and has determined the BarnRaise Energy is your recommended choice.

Mr. Gorecki thanked John and Dan for their presentation. He said the Board would like to table this discussion for a few weeks.

### **Revisions to Alcohol Policy**

Mr. Gorecki said a few weeks ago the State made some changes to the hours storeowners could sell alcohol, specifically on Sunday. He said sales on Sunday are now allowed between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. Mr. Gorecki said our policy stated that the Carlisle Local Licensing Authority prohibited the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday. Mr. Gorecki said there is one change to our policy, and that change is as follows: Licensees may make sales on Sunday during the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Scavongelli it was unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Town's Policy for Licenses for the Sale of Wine and Malt Beverages as amended at tonight's meeting October 14, 2014.

### **New Business**

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Mr. Scavongelli spoke about some preliminary work he and Mr. Brown have been doing with the Pathways. He said he reached out to Deb Belanger to see if she would be interested in stepping up again. Deb said she was interested and that she has some new ideas. Mr. Scavongelli said in a recent issue of the Carlisle Mosquito there was an advertisement for volunteers to serve on the Pathways Committee. In response to Mr. Scavongelli, Mr. Goddard said we have had a few replies to the ad in the newspaper. Mr. Scavongelli said Deb was willing to make a few phone calls too.

Mr. Gorecki suggested finding the original charter for the Pathways Committee which may need to be updated, considering our new areas of interest. He added that he would like to see the Pathways Committee started again. Mrs. Moroney commented that several people have approached her about different issues with the Pathways.

### **Town Administrator Report, cont'd**

Mr. Goddard said tonight's meeting begins his sixth year as Carlisle's Town Administrator for the Town of Carlisle. He said he has been very happy with his job and would like to begin to discuss a successor contract with the Board. He said the goal would be to have a new agreement in place by July 1, 2015. Mr. Gorecki said he and Mr. Brown would be happy to negotiate Mr. Goddard contract.

In regard to the Carlisle Public School Teacher's contract negotiations, Mr. Gorecki said we have not heard from the Carlisle School Committee as to when they are going to start, however they are going to start some point in the fall. Mr. Gorecki said he and Mr. Stevenson are the liaisons to the School. He noted that the negotiations are usually every other week either from 3 p.m. or 6 p.m. Mr. Stevenson said he could not participate in the negotiations due to having a family member as a teacher. Mr. Gorecki said he would be the negotiation representative.

### **Appointments**

On a motion made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Scavongelli, it was unanimously **VOTED** to appoint Kenneth Belitz to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

On a motion made by Mrs. Moroney and seconded by Mr. Brown, it was unanimously **VOTED** to appoint to appoint Maura Topol to the Carlisle Youth Commission for a term that will expire June 30, 2017.

### **Minutes**

On a motion made Mr. Scavongelli and seconded by Mr. Brown, it was unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Minutes to Board of Selectmen meeting of September 23, 2014 as presented.

### **Liaison Reports**

Mr. Gorecki gave a report on the Financial Management Team Meeting that took place this morning. He said the Town Accountant presented Local Receipts. He said they were in line for what we expect at this point in the fiscal year.

### **Executive Session**

At 9:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Moroney to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch. 38A §21(a) paragraph (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation as in open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position and afterward the Board will not return to open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevenson and the following roll call vote was taken: Gorecki – aye; Stevenson – aye; Scavongelli – aye; Brown – aye; and, Moroney – aye.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Arena